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To: Elizabeth S. Patton-Whiteside [EPatton-Whiteside@eshd.org]
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Subject: RE: Activities in City of East St. Louis

Elizabeth,

Thank you so much for the update. I will update my records.

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From: Elizabeth S. Patton-Whiteside <EPatton-Whiteside@eshd.org>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Activities in City of East St. Louis

Hi Rochelle,

Thanks for keeping us updated. Please update your records. Myla is no longer with ESHD she has been replaced by Charme Rainey, crainey@eshd.org. We will search for any documentation that we may have.

Thanks again,

Elizabeth

From: Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Myla Oliver-Blandford <MBlandford@eshd.org>; Elizabeth S. Patton-Whiteside <EPatton-Whiteside@eshd.org>
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Subject: Activities in City of East St. Louis
Importance: High

Hi Myla and Elizabeth,

Hope all is well with you and your families during the pandemic. As a collaborative partner, I wanted to provide an update on some current activities EPA and other collaborative partners have been working on for ESTL and the Metro East cities. I'm hoping you may be able to provide some information for one of the below projects.

- **Interagency Interfaith Collaboration for Vulnerable Communities Webinar Series** – EPA Regions 5 and 7 will host a series of webinars in September. This includes any faith-based entities, organizations, churches, affiliations, etc. in East St. Louis and St. Louis on topics such as Energy Star, energy efficiency, Healthy Houses of Worship, and local community resources and funding opportunities.
- **Watershed Planning Proposal** - HeartLands Conservancy Organization, largest environmental organization in the Metro East area, submitted a watershed planning proposal for the Illinois Clean Water Act 319 planning grant on August 8. The proposal will develop watershed plans for the Prairie du Pont and Judy's Branch watersheds in Metro East. The plan would take about 2 years and would identify

immediate, medium and long term actions and projects to address the water quality, drainage, and flooding issues in these areas. The process will need to include significant community outreach and engagement with residents, government officials, agencies, and others in the watershed. Heartlands has also received Letters of Support from the City, local Sierra Club, United Congregations, Senator Duckworth, St. Clair County along with your agency. The organization reached out to Centreville, who has also been subjected to flooding/waste sewer issues, and met with the Centreville Resident Committee. The watershed planning proposal was discussed and they agreed, with hesitancy, to be a participant in the planning process.

- **National Science Foundation Grant** – SIU Carbondale (Professor Ajay Kalra) has proposed to perform a study of the watershed areas to identify different remedies in solving the issues faced by the communities in the Metro East cities. NSF “Leading Engineering for America’s Prosperity, Health and Infrastructure” grant proposal will develop methods to monitor areas that are most vulnerable to pollutants for public health and water issues, including drinking water. Monitoring these areas to identify issues early will financially benefit ESTL and the surrounding cities and have a positive impact on the public health of citizens, and deviate a negative effect to the environment. Professor Kalra will provide a report that will be the scientific leg of the study.

ESTL is providing past sewer issues such as flooding, sewer breaks and such, to facilitate the report. I wanted to reach out to the ESHD for any information, maps, documentation, records, photos you may have on the flooding areas within ESTL, past or present. The report will be used as an catalyst to show the urgency of resources needed in these areas to apply the grant funding. The grant proposal is currently being prepared and is due soon so any information you can provide asap will be much appreciated.

Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

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